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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I am a consumer who supports broadband competition. When I joined the world of emails and DSL access to the Internet I did so through ATT and a provider, popular in California at the time. That system frequently failed leaving the household without access, a drama as my children were at UCB. An acquaintance suggested that I try Sonic.net. I called and have had no regrets. It is my understanding that If the FCC fails to protect access to the last mile copper liner and inter-city fibers Sonic and other small competitive internet providers will not be able to continue to build the service.

We receive both broadband and telephone service from Sonic. We currently have DSL but are in an area scheduled to get Sonic Fiber service soon. The rates that we have paid over the many years that we have been with Sonic are very reasonable. Particularly since I have now retired from the California Department of Public Health. As a fixed income person we say no to price hikes that would increase our costs.

It is essential that I remain connected to the world, the world of public health, the world of International news, the various systems that allow me to interact with my adult children and grandchildren whose careers have spread them across the world. It is necessary for them to remain involved with their mother.

The FCC should not submit to the requests of ATT and other large providers. There is space for small local providers as well as the giants.

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